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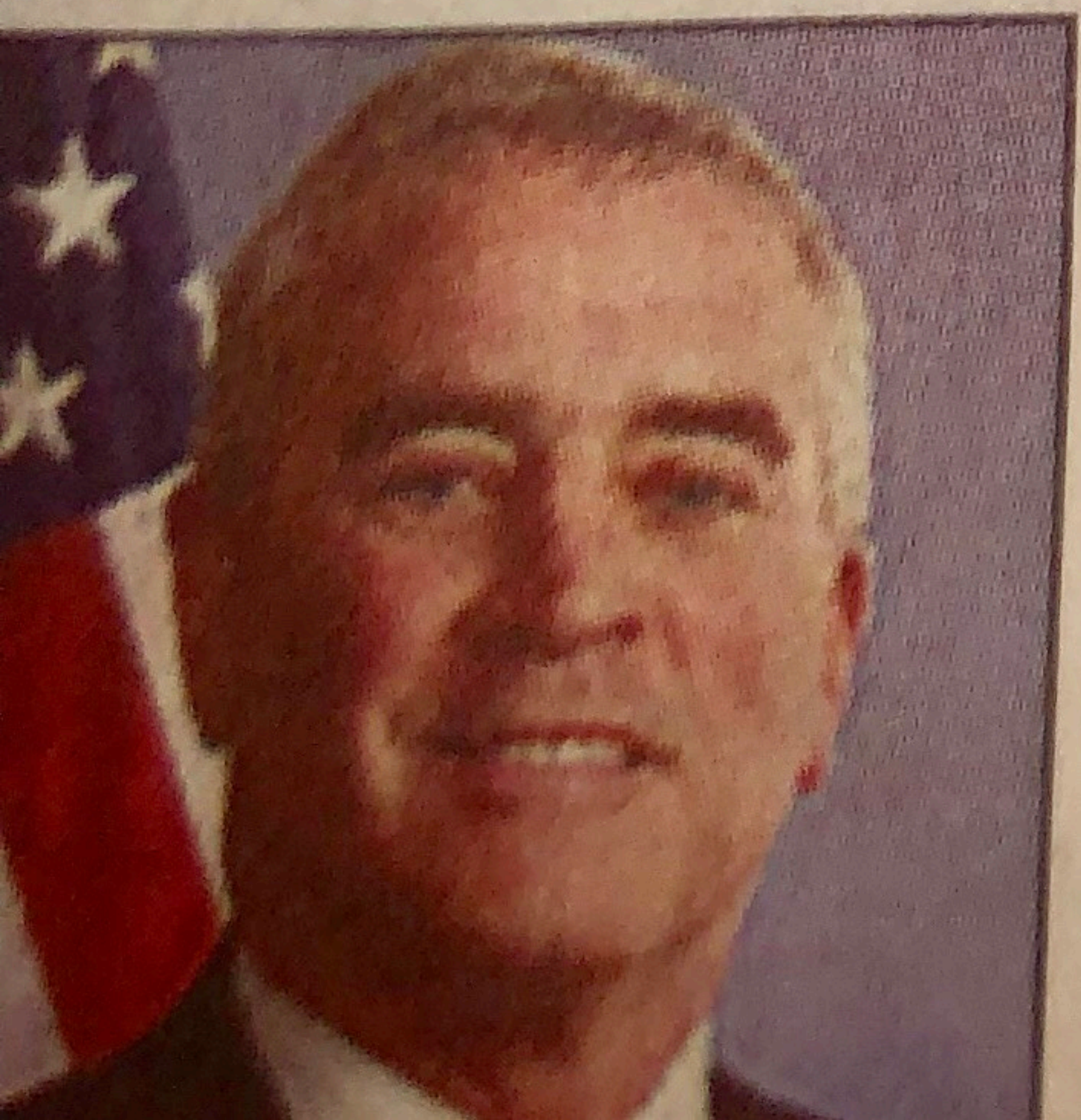
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Scioto County's Trick or Treat night will be October 30 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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A long-time journalist and communications professional brings his three decades of journalism and mass communications experience to Scioto Countians, as he joins the staff of the Scioto Voice.

Terry L. Hapney, Jr., Ph.D., professor of journalism and public relations at Marshall University, began his work with the Scioto Voice last week.

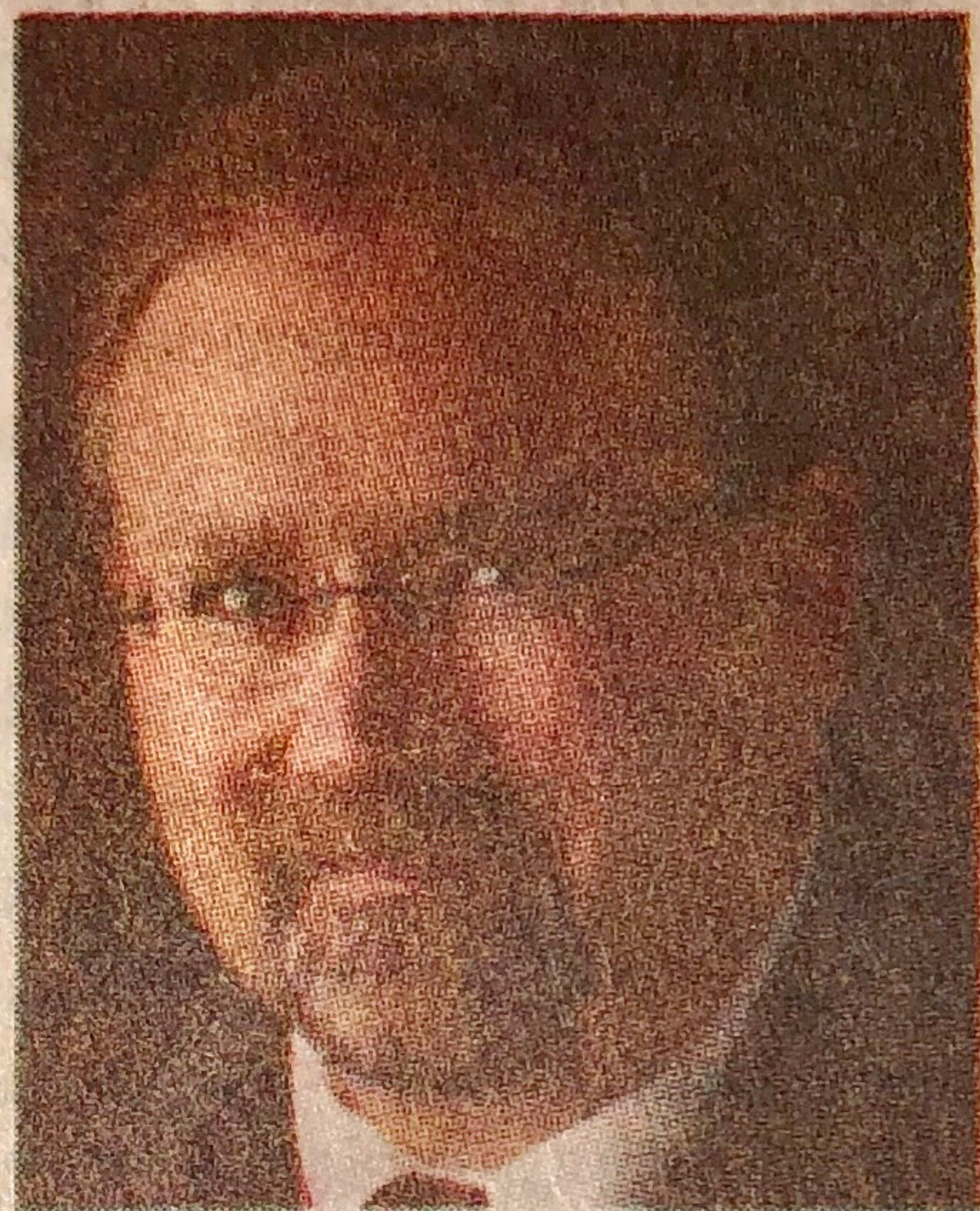
Hapney—who has worked in Scioto County since 1991 in a variety

of positions, including as director of communications and assistant to the president at Shawnee State University—is “thrilled with the opportunity to become a part of such a high-quality, locally-owned news organization.”

“I thank Debbie Allard for this opportunity,” Hapney said. “Having worked for many years in Scioto County, I look forward to finding and telling the stories of the interesting, unique, and important people, organizations, and programs in the county—many of which are untold up to this point.”

Scioto Voice Publisher Debbie Allard said Hapney is “an outstanding addition” to the Scioto Voice, and “brings a wealth of experience to our team.”

“We are more than excited that Terry is bringing his excellent writing skills to our newspaper,” Allard said. “This is a positive step forward, not only for the company but the community as a whole.”



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# Hapney

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For the past four-and-a-half years, Scioto Countians heard Hapney report on the happenings of the area, as a news anchor for Classic Rock 107.5 The Breeze, Fox Sports 95.7 and 1260 WNXT, and Mix 99.3. He will continue in a limited news role on those stations, working Sunday-morning-news and weather duty, as well as co-hosting "Gospel Jubilation"—a southern gospel music show on 95.7 and 1260 WNXT—with his 16-year-old son, Blake.

A tenured full professor in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications in the College of Arts and Media at Marshall University, Hapney teaches news writing and other journalism and public relations courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels at MU. His scholarly, peer-reviewed research is published at the national and international levels. He worked for a variety of radio and television stations during his career, as well as newspapers and magazines—local, regional, and statewide.

Hapney began his academic career in journalism in 1994 as a graduate assistant at Marshall University. From there he served as an adjunct professor teaching journalism, English, and advertising at SSU. Before accepting a job offer from Marshall University in 2008, Hapney's full-time faculty role at SSU was as a journalism, communication, and English professor. He spent 10 years as adviser to the student newspaper—The University Chronicle—there.

During Hapney's 15 years with SSU, he worked for four university presidents, managing both the Office of the President and creating and managing the Office of Communications. One of Hapney's passions is storytelling, focusing on the unique nature of people, organizations, programs, and other aspects of life in the local community.

"Every person has an interesting story," Hapney said. "I enjoy finding those, doing the reporting, writing their story, and seeing it published. Many people do not seek opportunities to share their stories. In many cases, those are the best stories to find and tell."

While Hapney celebrated his 30th year in the journalism and mass communications field back in April of this year, his passion for interesting journalism is "every bit as strong as it was back in 1988."

"Our area has so much going for it, currently," Hapney said. "I'm looking forward to sharing some of that good news with the readers of the Scioto Voice."

An Ohio Valley native, Hapney grew up in Greenup County. His stops include time in southern Ohio and Lexington, Ky. He holds a bachelor's degree in communication from the University of Kentucky, a master's degree in journalism from Marshall University, a master's degree in public relations from Kent State University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Dayton. Hapney, his wife Claudette, their biological sons Brock and Blake, and their adopted daughter (from China) Siyan reside on the banks of the Ohio River.

Hapney has had professional opportunities to move elsewhere in the United States; that said, he is happy to call this area "home."

"I love our area," Hapney said. "I'm thankful for the many years I've enjoyed here both personally and professionally. I look forward to a long, productive time in my new role with the Scioto Voice."

Readers may reach Hapney at [hapney@marshall.edu](mailto:hapney@marshall.edu).

## ESC Governing Board October meeting notes

The Governing Board of the South Central Ohio Educational Service Center met for its regular board meeting on Oct. 11. Among the actions taken by the board during its regular meeting:

- Approved the agenda,
- Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on Sept. 13, 2018,
- Took reports from the treasurer, superintendent, and board committees,
- Approved a resolution to authorize advance

and/or transfer of funds,  
Approved a resolution to employ substitute employees for 2018-19, including teachers Eugenia Blankenship, Sally Eshem, Kimberly Gold, Dusty Hackworth, Kylie Henson, Mary Hill, Gerald Howard, Sara Hunt, David Hurley, Hilary Koch, Clay Massie, and Brittany Rolfe; teacher aides Eugenia Blankenship, Kimberly Gold, and Mary Hill; and MARCS teachers Tyler Breech, Michelle Compton, and Tina Winebrenner,  
Approved a resolution to employ personnel, including aides Elizabeth Adams, Amber Adkins, Chaise Hall, Stephanie Jones, Lynnsey

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY PORTSMOUTH SITE COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

NOV. 7  
JACKSON

NOV. 8  
PORTSMOUTH

NOV.  
WAVE

Join us to discuss how the process for safely dismantling the upcoming demolition of the former Portsmouth site will help prepare the site for future reindustrialization.

### Jackson

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018 | 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

La Rosa's Pizza

966 E Main St., Jackson, OH

### Portsmouth

Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018 | 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Scioto County Welcome Center

342 Second St., Portsmouth, OH

